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1. The Kecskemét Airfield is located about three kilometers east of Kecskemét and north of the Kecskemét-Kunszentmárton highway. A concrete road leads from the highway to the field, (see sketch 1 attached). The area is a plain, presenting a generally open prospect, with a few trees.
2. The field is bordered on the north by level country with a few small farms, on which there are small clumps of trees. To the south is the concrete highway, and beyond it more farmland with trees. To the east and west are farmlands, very flat, affording a good view.
3. There are three hangars, located on the southern edge of the flying field, adjoining the barrack enclosure (see sketch 2). The hangars are of tile (keramit) and steel-concrete construction. The roofs are supported by steel girders and covered with corrugated iron painted field gray. The hangars are all of the same size, 80 by 30 meters and 25 meters high. The hangars have sliding doors. They will hold 20 Stormoviks or 30 Yak-9s.
4. The runway is of concrete construction, 2,000 meters long and 100 meters wide. It is connected at each end by a taxi-way 10 meters wide to the concrete apron in front of the hangars, which is 50 meters wide. This gives the layout an oval shape which is clearly shown in sketch 1. The concrete layer on the runway is 15 to 20 cm thick.
5. The flying field itself is 2,500 by 600 meters. The starting runway runs east-west. The ground is dry and sandy, and somewhat grassy. It drains off and absorbs moisture very quickly, and is always dry and firm for this reason. It is also very dusty.

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6. Airplanes are parked on the concrete apron in front of the hangars, as well as within them. Those in the open are protected by tarpaulins, which are the same color as the ground.
7. The hangars have repair shops at their south ends, which are equipped for minor repairs. For major repairs, the planes are taken to Budapest. There is a storage of spare parts in the headquarters building (see sketch 2).
8. The radar station is on the top floor of the headquarters building. The landing control station is on the flat roof of the same building.
9. The border of the flying field is marked by red incandescent lamps placed thickly on the ground and controlled by a central switch. The runway itself is lighted by searchlights.
10. The telephone central is in the headquarters building.
11. The fuel depot is located between the airfield and the town of Kecskemét, north of the Kecskemét-Kunszentmárton highway, about one kilometer from the highway underpass. It covers about 100 by 100 meters, and is fenced off with barbed wire. There are five underground concrete tanks, each about 10 meters in diameter and five meters deep. Gasoline is delivered here and to the airfield by four tank cars of 3,500 liters capacity each. Gasoline is pumped in and out by a pumping installation housed in a small building.
12. The ammunition depot is about two kilometers north of the airfield, underground, and is concealed by trees. It is 200 by 200 meters. High explosive bombs of 50 and 100 kg. weight are stored here, in unknown quantities. The depot is operated and guarded by airfield personnel.
13. The barracks at the airfield are enclosed within a barbed wire fence. The flying field itself is open, without watchtowers. A fixed guard and a messenger are always stationed at the barracks gate. The barracks area is patrolled at night by two guard squads. A guard is maintained day and night at the entrance to the airfield. At the hangars there are two guards in the daytime and seven at night. Unauthorized persons may enter the airfield only by special permit. After 11 p.m. only, personnel on duty have freedom of movement in the airfield area. There is a police detachment of noncommissioned officers and 16 men.
14. Two Yak-9 planes are always in readiness to pursue any strange aircraft. Anti-aircraft machine guns are mounted on the flat roof of one of the barracks buildings (No. 2 in sketch 2).

Encl. 1 - Sketch map of Kecskemét airfield showing munitions depot, runway and barracks, 1 page.

Encl. 2 - Sketch map of Kecskemét airfield showing hangars and flying field, 1 page.

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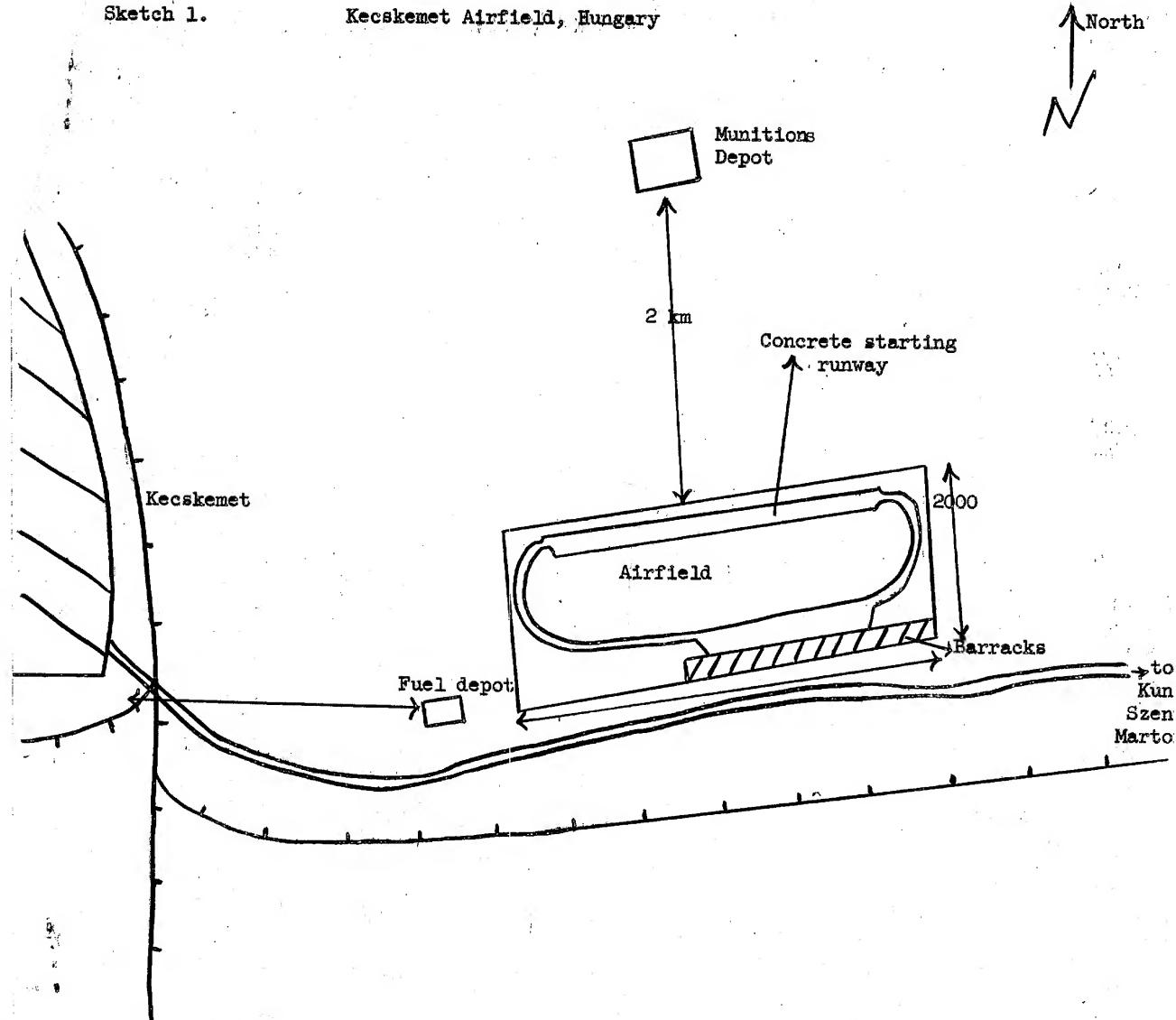
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Sketch 1.

Kecskemet Airfield, Hungary

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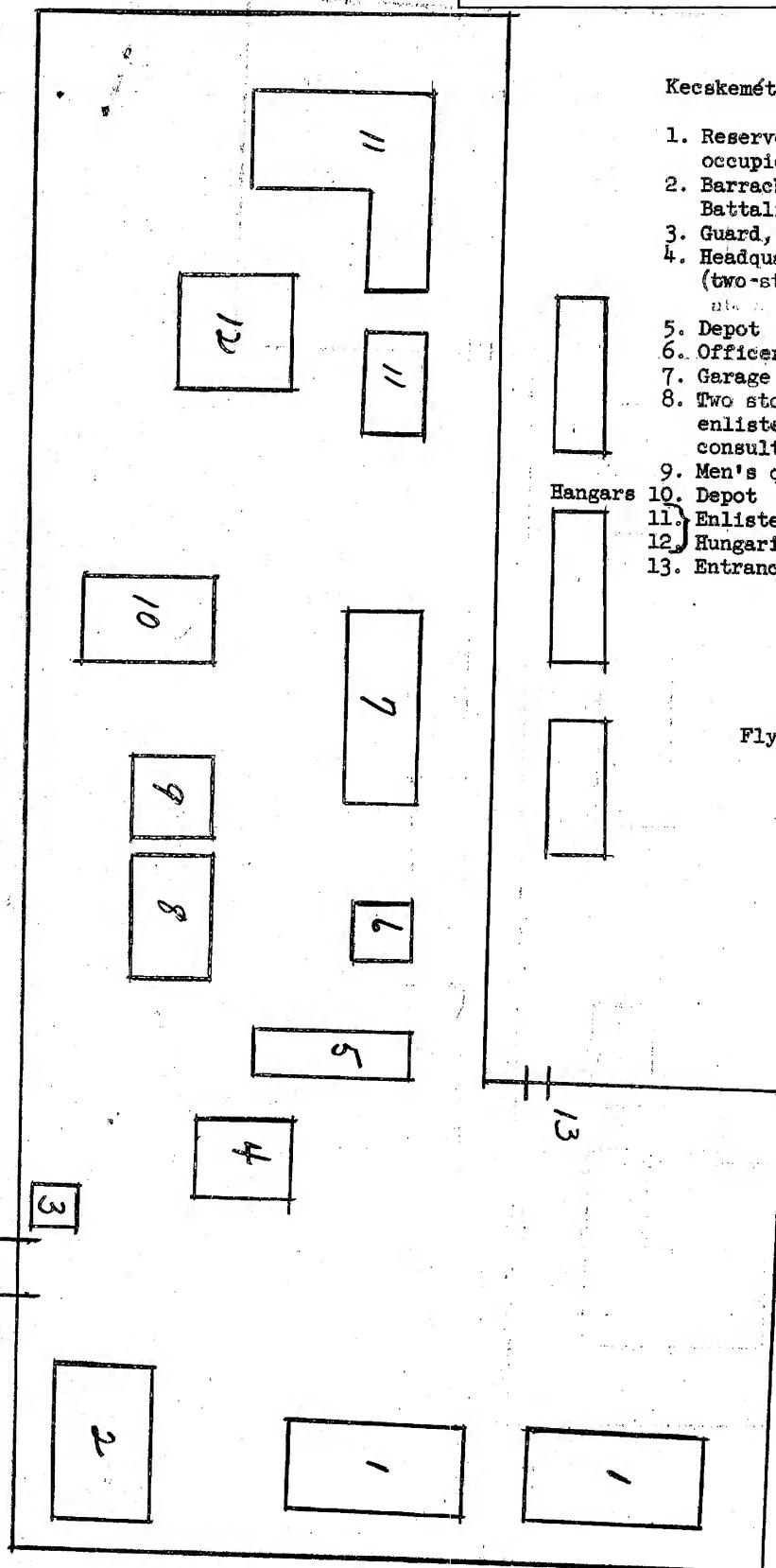
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Sketch 2

Kecskemet Airfield, Hungary

1. Reserved for Soviet troops or occupied by them
2. Barracks of the Hungarian R.K.Z. Battalion
3. Guard, inspection officer, entrance
4. Headquarters building; warehouse (two-story structure)
5. Depot
6. Officers' club
7. Garage
8. Two story building: enlisted men's quarters; medical consultation office; rest room
9. Men's quarters (three story)
- Hangars 10. Depot
11. Enlisted men's quarters; occupied by
12. Hungarian fighter squadrons
13. Entrance to flying field

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